



What does climate change have to do with human health? With John Balbus

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Abstract:

Climate change is not just a problem for rivers and reservoirs that are running dry, or forests and grasslands that are seeing an increased incidence of wildfire, or Arctic wildlife stressed by rapidly changing ecosystems. It's a problem for human health, too, as John Balbus discusses with host Ashley Ahearn. It can be tricky to attribute specific health effects to climate change, which reflects trends in the weather averaged over decades. But short-term weather fluctuations are known to alter the risk of several diseases. As short-term fluctuations become long-term patterns, health effects also may adopt new patterns.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Food/Water Quality, Temperature

Air Pollution: Allergens, Interaction with Temperature, Ozone

Extreme Weather Event: Drought

Food/Water Quality: Biotoxin/Algal Bloom

Temperature: Extreme Heat

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Cardiovascular Effect, Diabetes/Obesity, Infectious Disease, Morbidity/Mortality, Respiratory Effect

Infectious Disease: General Infectious Disease

Respiratory Effect: Upper Respiratory Allergy

Resource Type: 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Multimedia

Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified